

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Watch case comprising a case middle-~~(B)~~, a rotary bezel ~~(1, 21)~~, first ~~(2a, 21a)~~ and second ~~(4, 13a, 23a)~~ angular positioning markings, one set ~~(4, 13a, 21a)~~ secured to the rotary bezel ~~(1, 21)~~ and the other set ~~(2a, 23a)~~ to the case middle ~~(B)~~ and elastic means ~~(3, 23)~~ tending constantly to place said first ~~(2a, 21a)~~ and second ~~(4, 13a, 23a)~~ positioning markings in engagement with one another, the watch case being characterized in that wherein the first ~~(2a, 21a)~~ and second ~~(4, 13a, 23a)~~ positioning markings are distributed evenly over 360° with respective numbers of spacings one of which is a multiple of the other which is at least equal to 2 and the respective outlines of which extend in a plane parallel to that of said bezel ~~(1, 21)~~, radial guide means ~~(1a, 22a)~~ being engaged with said markings ~~(4, 13a, 23a)~~ having the smallest number of spacings, said elastic means having the form of a closed-loop spring ~~(3, 13, 23)~~ associated with each of said markings ~~(4, 13a, 23a)~~ engaged with said radial guide means ~~(1a, 22a)~~ to simultaneously exert on these markings radial pressures directed toward said other markings ~~(2a, 21a)~~ and to subject said closed-loop spring ~~(3, 13, 23)~~ to angularly distributed radial forces as said rotary bezel ~~(1, 21)~~ moves.

2. (Currently Amended) Watch case according to Claim 1, in which said markings ~~(4)~~ engaged with said radial guide means ~~(1a, 22a)~~ consist of rollers each of which has a groove ~~(4a)~~ sized to accommodate a portion of said closed-loop spring ~~(3)~~.

Claims 3-8 (cancelled)

9. (New) Watch case according to Claim 1 in which the outline of said closed-loop spring viewed in plan view is shaped to form said markings engaged with said radial guide, the radial axis passing through the center of each of said markings being coaxial with an element secured to said spring engaged with said radial guide.

10. (New) Watch case according to Claim 2 in which the outline of said closed-loop spring viewed in plan view is shaped to form said markings engaged with said radial guide, the radial axis passing through the center of each of said markings being coaxial with an element secured to said spring engaged with said radial guide.

11. (New) Watch case according to Claim 9 in which the outline of said closed-loop spring viewed in plan view is shaped to form said elements engaged with said radial guide.

12. (New) Watch case according to Claim 10 in which the outline of said closed-loop spring viewed in plan view is shaped to form said elements engaged with said radial guide.

13. (New) Watch case according to claim 1 in which said closed-loop spring has a circular outline.

14. (New) Watch case according to claim 2 in which said closed-loop spring has a circular outline.

15. (New) Watch case according to claim 9 in which said closed-loop spring has a circular outline.

16. (New) Watch case according to claim 10 in which said closed-loop spring has a circular outline.

17. (New) Watch case according to claim 11 in which said closed-loop spring has a circular outline.

18. (New) Watch case according to claim 12 in which said closed-loop spring has a circular outline.

19. (New) Watch case according to claim 1 in which said closed-loop spring is axially retained by an annular slot formed in the bezel.

20. (New) Watch case according to claim 2 in which said closed-loop spring is axially retained by an annular slot formed in the bezel.

21. (New) Watch case according to claim 9 in which said closed-loop spring is axially retained by an annular slot formed in the bezel.

22. (New) Watch case according to claim 10 in which said closed-loop spring is axially retained by an annular slot formed in the bezel.

23. (New) Watch case according to claim 11 in which said closed-loop spring is axially retained by an annular slot formed in the bezel.

24. (New) Watch case according to claim 12 in which said closed-loop spring is axially retained by an annular slot formed in the bezel.

25. (New) Watch case according to claim 13 in which said closed-loop spring is axially retained by an annular slot formed in the bezel.

26. (New) Watch case according to claim 14 in which said closed-loop spring is axially retained by an annular slot formed in the bezel.

27. (New) Watch case according to claim 15 in which said closed-loop spring is axially retained by an annular slot formed in the bezel.

28. (New) Watch case according to claim 16 in which said closed-loop spring is axially retained by an annular slot formed in the bezel.

29. (New) Watch case according to claim 17 in which said closed-loop spring is axially retained by an annular slot formed in the bezel.

30. (New) Watch case according to claim 18 in which said closed-loop spring is axially retained by an annular slot formed in the bezel.

31. (New) Watch case according to one of claim 1 in which the internal outline of said closed-loop spring has projections that fit into slots formed on an internal lateral face integral with the case middle.

32. (New) Watch case according to one of claim 2 in which the internal outline of said closed-loop spring has projections that fit into slots formed on an internal lateral face integral with the case middle.

33. (New) Watch case according to one of claim 9 in which the internal outline of said closed-loop spring has projections that fit into slots formed on an internal lateral face integral with the case middle.

34. (New) Watch case according to one of claim 13 in which the internal outline of said closed-loop spring has projections that fit into slots formed on an internal lateral face integral with the case middle.

35. (New) Watch case according to claim 1, in which said closed-loop spring has substantially a polygonal outline.

36. (New) Watch case according to claim 2, in which said closed-loop spring has substantially a polygonal outline.

37. (New) Watch case according to claim 9, in which said closed-loop spring has substantially a polygonal outline.

38. (New) Watch case according to claim 11, in which said closed-loop spring has substantially a polygonal outline.

39. (New) Watch case according to claim 19, in which said closed-loop spring has substantially a polygonal outline.

40. (New) Watch case according to claim 31, in which said closed-loop spring has substantially a polygonal outline.